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**MESSAGE TO PARTIES FROM THE CHAIR OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

Selection of co-facilitators of the annual ocean and climate change dialogue

I am pleased to convey to the Parties and observer States to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement a message from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), Adonia Ayebare, on the selection of the two co-facilitators of the annual ocean and climate change dialogue (“Dialogue”) for the biennium 2027–28.

The message is contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed by)

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Distribution: To Parties and observer States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change through their national focal points and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany



Annex

Biennial selection of co-facilitators of the annual ocean and climate change dialogue

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing regarding the selection of the two co-facilitators of the annual ocean and climate change dialogue (“Dialogue”) for the biennium 2027–28, as mandated at COP 27 in Sharm el-Sheikh.

The terms of the co-facilitators of the biennium 2025–26 annual Dialogue will come to an end on 31 December 2026. As you will [recall](#), developing country Parties selected Sivendra Michael (Fiji) for 2026 and Carlos Márcio Bicalho Cozendey (Brazil) for 2025, to co-facilitate the Dialogue on a rotational basis. Developed country Parties selected Ulrik Lenaerts (Belgium) to co-facilitate the 2025–26 Dialogue. I take this opportunity to thank the co-facilitators for their leadership and dedication in successfully conducting the 2025–26 Dialogue.

Parties are invited to recall [decision 1/CP.27, para 49](#), which stipulates that from 2023 onwards, the Dialogue will be facilitated by two co-facilitators, selected by Parties biennially.

To ensure regional balance and a Party-driven nature of selection, as well as an open, inclusive and transparent process, Parties are invited to consult within their respective [regional groups](#) and constituencies, to select the two co-facilitators for the biennium 2027–28. I urge Parties to consult as soon as possible, in order to select the two co-facilitators for them to promptly start preparing for the Dialogue. The names of the two selected co-facilitators shall be communicated to me by the Chairs and Coordinators of the respective regional groups and constituencies by **Monday, October 12, 2026**. Following this, I will communicate the names of the newly selected co-facilitators.

When selecting the co-facilitators, Parties may wish to recall that the COP invited them to make additional efforts to achieve the goal of gender balance in the UNFCCC process (please see decisions [23/CP.18](#), [3/CP.23](#), and [3/CP.25](#)).

Yours sincerely,
(Signed by)

Adonia Ayebare
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